

Information Sharing

Drug Medi-Cal Organized Delivery System (DMC-ODS)
Rate Cap Waiver Extension – BHS 2018-013

September 19, 2018

Substance Use Disorders (SUD) Providers:

County Behavioral Health Services (BHS) appreciates the continued and collective work between BHS staff and providers as we move forward with the DMC-ODS implementation. Efforts continue to determine priority emphasis for each program, to implement action plans, and in making real-time course corrections when needed. This collaborative effort assists with establishing a baseline for which providers shall demonstrate measurable and incremental progress towards the implementation of processes and/or outcomes in support of a successful DMC-ODS implementation. With the continued efforts, the County is extending the waiver of the provider rate caps through December 31, 2018 (Q1 and Q2). As a result, providers are advised of the following:

- 1) Provider rate caps on cost reimbursement contracts are waived for Q1 and Q2. Providers are required to continue to comply with the service delivery expectations and SanWITS or CalOMS entries.
- 2) [County-billable services transition plan](#) is extended through December 31, 2018. The BHS Substance Use Disorder (SUD) Quality Management (QM) Team will continue to provide technical support to providers via reviews of services provided with this extended transition plan.
- 3) Providers shall continue to use the existing invoice templates. Providers do not have to complete Schedule IIB of the July, August and September 2018 invoices. However, the October 2018 invoices Schedule IIB must reflect the July, August, and September 2018 Total Units of Service (TUOS) information. Schedule IIB will be used by BHS staff for informational purposes. Unit rate adjustments that appear will not impact the monthly payment. The TUOS report is forthcoming and will be sent to providers separately.
- 4) Monthly invoices will be reimbursed up to (not to exceed) 1/12th of the provider's annual contract maximum amount. This provision does not apply to start-up costs. Some exceptions may apply with Contracting Officer's Representative (COR) authorization.

The waiver of the rate cap for Q1 and Q2 will necessitate changes to the monthly invoice template beginning Q3, when the rate cap will apply. Details will be included in BHS communications prior to January 1, 2019.

Note that Opioid Treatment Providers (OTP) who have fixed price contracts are not impacted by this Information Sharing notice.

The County expects providers to demonstrate progress towards DMC-ODS standards. Feel free to contact your program COR whenever roadblocks are identified and/or if you have any questions about this Information Sharing notice. Prepare to develop an action plan to address the roadblocks, and to submit the plan to the COR when requested.

For more information about the DMC-ODS, visit our website at www.sandiegocounty.gov/dmc.

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